THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Compensation of Oil spilled by a Danish Tanker

1460. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since decided on the amount it should seek as compensation for the 40,000 tonnes of oil spilled by Danish Tanker off the coast of great Nicobar Island in January, 1993;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay over filing of the oil spill claim;

(d) the estimated damage caused by this oil slick; and

(e) the stage at which the matter stands at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Claims for an amount of Rs. 13.6 crores (approx) and an amount of Rs. 6.75 crores for reimbursement of mobilisation, administrative and coordination expenses for clearing the oil spill and for ecological damage, respectively, have been filed.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Same as indicated at (b) above.

(e) The claims have been filed with the Protection and Indemnity Club of the shipowners.

Operation of DTC buses

1461. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC)) buses standing idle in the depots, depot-wise, and since when;

(b) the reasons for these buses standing idle and the reasons for not taking measures to put those buses on the road;

(c) whether there is also any proposal to withdraw the Delhi Transport Corporation buses from the inter-State routes;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and what impact that will have on the profitability of the DTC;

(e) how much losses have been suffered by the Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) in each of the last three years, giving the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken to improve the functioning of the Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC), to keep a check on the arbitrariness of the privately operated buses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MNIISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) As on 1.2.1995, 1007 buses were standing idle and this situation has come about in a steady manner since 1994 onwards. The requisite depot-wise break up is given in Statement (See below)

(b) These buses are standing idle for want of crucial spare parts, tyres etc. as also on account of non-replacement of over aged fleet. As on 1-2-1995, 961 buses constituting 27.45 per cent of the fleet had already outlived their normal life. Necessary re-

pair and replacement is carried out in a phased manner subject to availability of funds.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

(e) The year-wise losses for the last 3 years are as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Working loss after prior period (Excluding interest and depreciation	Total loss including interest & depreciation.
1991-92	8385·97	20381·84
1992-93	5392·89	24527·58
1993-94	7147·61	28184·08

The main reasons for losses in DTC re given below:—

1 Uneconomic fare structure.

2. Rising cost of labour and material inputs.

3. Concession given to the students and weaker sections of the socity through concessional passes.

4. Heavy interest burden on the loans advanced to D.T.C.

5. The operation of nearly 3000 Red line buses on city routes.

6. Operation of many unremunerative routes on social consideration e.g University and Rural routes.

7 Cost of Surplus staff.

8 Low productivity and Heavy maintenance of over-aged buses.

(f) The checking officials have been instructed to keep close watch on the DTC buses on line, in case any irregularity is noticed disciplinary action is taken against the DTC staff concerned. However the Private Operators are not under the purview of DTC.

Statement

S. No.	Name of the Depot	Buses standing
1	2	3
1	Banda Bahadur Marg Depot-II	5
2.	Bawana Depot	35
3.	G. T. Karnal Road Depot	45
4.	Nangloi Depot	42
5	Wazirpur Depot-I	29
6.	Wazirpur Depot-II	25
7.	Wazirpur Depot-III	32
8.	Rohini Depot-I	30

1	2	3
9.	Rohini Depot-II	18
10.	Rohini Depot-III	33
11.	Dichaon Kalan Depot	25
12.	Hari Nagar Depot-I	80
13.	Hari Nagar Depot-II	60
14.	Hari Nagar Depot-III	33
15.	Keshopur Depot	30
16.	Mayapuri Depot	20
17.	Naraina Depot	44
18.	Shadipur Depot	16
19.	Peera Garhi Depot	46
20.	Shahdara Depot-I	21
21.	Shahdara Depot-II	19
22.	Patparganj Depot	36
23.	Nand Nagri Depot	11
24.	Noida Depot	41
25.	Sarojini Nagar Depot	24
26.	Vasant Vihar Depot	51
27.	Ambedkar Nagar Depot	35
28.	Kalkaji Depot	51
29.	Okhla Depot-I	46
30.	Banda Bahadur Marg Depot-I	7
31.	Indraprastha Depot	15
32.	Okhla Depot-II	5
	TOTAL	1007

Payment of compensation to victims of road Accidents

1462. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the process of payment of compensation to victims of road accidents by Accident Claims Tribunal is still a cumbersome procedure, taking years, before the kith and kin of victims are gr ted relief; and

(b) the steps Government h taken to simplify the procedure, w a view to emphasising inter alia sufficient immediate payment to able the survivors of victims to ma tain themselves, before they get p ment arising out of final award?